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Mr. Joe Alli
Atofina Chemical Company
17168 W. Jefferson
Riverview, MI 48192-44270

Dear Sir:

As per 40 CFR 300, the U.S. Coast Guard, as the lead federal agency in responding to a toxic chemical release that occurred from your plant on July 14, 2001, has overseen the emergency response actions related to the release.

The Coast Guard has received documentation from Atofina certifying that the chlorine rail car was depressurized and purged, resulting in readings of 20.8 percent oxygen and zero parts per million (ppm) chlorine, and that the methyl mercaptan rail car was depressurized and purged, resulting in readings of 20.8 percent oxygen and zero ppm methyl mercaptan.

I, as Federal On-Scene Coordinator, have determined that emergency response actions are no longer necessary, because there is no longer a threat of a release from the damaged cars or from the equipment and procedures recently employed to empty them. Therefore, federal oversight of such actions has ended.

There are a number of inside-the-fence areas of potential contamination your company will need to address to meet all applicable federal, state, and local standards. I understand that Atofina has informed the U.S. EPA that they you are preparing a plan to sample the soil where the affected rail cars were located and that you are going to coordinate these activities with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

You must continue to work with the local community, exposed persons, and the Wayne County Health Department to respond appropriately to reports by individuals who may have been exposed to the toxic release.

Thank you for your company concern and continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

S. P. GARRITY
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Federal On-Scene Coordinator

Copy: Mr. Jason El-Zein, U.S. EPA Response Section 1
Mr. Mr. Oladipo Oyinsan, Supervisor, Southeast MI District Office, Michigan DEQ